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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1745
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Yunzhi GAO, et al)	Examiner: R. ALEJANDRO
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Appln. No.: 09/865,601)	Washington, D.C.
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Filed: May 29, 2001)	Confirmation No. 4139
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For: EMBOSSED CURRENT)	September 2, 2004
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner's action dated June 02, 2004, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

The rejections presented in sections 2 and 5 of the Action are traversed on the grounds that Japanese publication JP 2000-323151 is not available as prior art against the claims of the present Application. The effective date of that reference as prior art is its publication date, which was November 24, 2000. However, the present Application claims priority rights based on Japanese application no. 2000-157189, filed on May 26, 2000. A certified copy of this priority

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